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Tadayuki Ito

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND  
IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS USING  
THE SAME

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated November 9, 2004 (Paper No. 7), finally rejecting claims 1, 4-7, 11, 14-16 and 21, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.